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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: NSC Briefing Topics for 21 December 1954

1. The next NSC meeting is scheduled for 0830, Tuesday 21 December, with the result that the first rehearsal of briefing topics prepared for the DCI will be at 1100 Saturday, 18 December. As discussed at the recent staff meeting, briefing topics are to be prepared in two parts - first, a general background paper, for the DCI's own information; second, a concise "highlight" paper, containing only the key material which the writer feels should be presented to the Council (this latter draft providing the basis for cards).

2. Subject to usual spot responsibilities, the following topics are assigned:

DIVISION

GRAPHICS

Tito in India (a Monday starter, subject to receipt of material): background to be prepared now)

none

Moscow "air defense" sites

map and drawings

Communist Threat-Syria and Jordan

none

Greek anti-US disturbances

none

(co-ord: Tito in India)

(none)

Saar/Treaty Developments

none

French Policy on Indochina

none

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none

UN Sec'y Gen and "The 13" (a Monday starter, subject to receipts: background to be prepared now)

none

Sainteny Mission developments

none

Neg summary, South Vietnam and Offshore Islands

3. Deadline for both background and highlights (or backgrounds alone, when subject to late developments) is 1530, Friday 17 December. Carding and revisions will be done Monday 20 December.

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